

Wisconsin Home for Veterans  
217 Bragg Street (House)  
King  
Waupaca County  
Wisconsin

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Location: 217 Bragg Avenue, King, Waupaca County, Wisconsin.

Significance: The cottage at 217 Bragg Avenue is significant because it architecturally and historically contributes to the Veterans Cottages Historic District, a historic district that is part of the Historic Resources of the Wisconsin Veterans Home, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. For a more detailed discussion of the significance of the resources discussed in this report, see page 1 of the overview history narrative.

Description: This cottage is a one-story front gable form with a large rear addition. The original cottage was built from a design by architect William Waters that suggests the Shingle Style (see page 9-10 of the narrative overview for additional information), and later was added to. It has an intersecting gable roof with green asphalt shingles and green tin, a concrete block foundation, and an enclosed front porch. The building measures 22 feet, 4 inches on the front wall and back walls and 54 feet, 6 inches on the side walls. A enclosed porch covers the side entrance and measures 12 feet, 2 inches by 24 feet, 10 inches. The house is covered with clapboard siding, and the front gable and projecting dormers are covered with wood shingles in an imbricated pattern. Windows are single-light double-hung sashes. The front gable has a band of narrow, multi-light windows. (See photographs WI-323-H-1 and WI-323-H-2)

A wood paneled door leads to the interior of the cottage that has been remodeled for its current use as a day care center. The interior plan includes a large front room with a kitchen and another room behind it. Behind the kitchen is a small bathroom and storeroom that leads to the side entrance enclosure. On the other side of the house is an enclosed staircase to the second floor and another small room. The second floor has three small rooms and a bathroom. The basement has been remodeled and consists of four small rooms. The interior flooring is oak and many rooms have been carpeted. The wall and ceiling finishes are plaster. The wood paneled interior doors have simple brass doorknobs, plates, and hinges; and there are some modern doors. The trim around the doors and windows consists of wide wood moldings painted white. There are steam radiators bringing the heat from the central heating plant. There are standard overhead lighting fixtures in the rooms, and standard plumbing fixtures in the bathrooms.

History: This cottage was built around 1890 from the design by William Waters. The addition was constructed later. For additional information about the history and architecture of this and all cottages and staff residences at the Wisconsin Home for Veterans Complex, see pages 3-12 of the overview history and architecture narrative.

Sources: Sources for the information on this individual structure narrative are the same as those listed in the overview narrative on page 16.

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